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To: USFET-MAIN.

Reference your 461(CBI/CIB/Cps of 23 August, 1945 on the subject of the German plane crash at PIEDERKOLN.

We have received your S-23884 of 18 September stating that PAMFFGEN saw STEINLE on 1st August. The evidence so far available on STEINLE is the following:-

Brig. SCHULZ, BGS Salzburg, stated that STEINLE was killed in an air-crash near Route on 20th April.

Your letter of above reference seemed at first to confirm this but doubt was thrown on this by SALUB R-CARD's statement that STEINLE was at Reit im Winkel on 8th May with PAMFFGEN. PAMFFGEN's testimony can now be taken as certain and our conclusion is therefore that STEINLE is still alive.

It is apparent that false conclusions have been drawn from the documents found in the crashed plane and we would appreciate if the Germans could be persuaded as suggested. Among the more obvious mistakes are the statements that the U.S. is now in Madrid and that the U.S. is probably in Spain. Both these characters are actually under arrest. We are anxious therefore to establish what can be deduced from the documents regarding the other individuals mentioned as we are not prepared to accept the locations deduced by 599th Battalion.

We are naturally most interested in the result of your exploitation of PAMFFGEN's information.

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